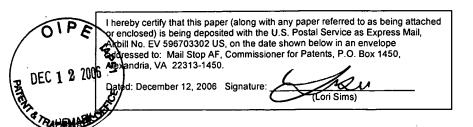
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the final Office Action dated October 12, 2006 (Paper No. 20060922), for which a response is due on January 12, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 23 of this paper.